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LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. HORE-BELISHA, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, PRO-VIDED LONDON WITH A FIRST-CLASS POLITICAL SENSATION LATE LAST NIGHT WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION TO MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ACCEPTED IT.

At the same time it was disclosed that Lord MacMillan, the Minister of Information, had also resigned.

Mr. Oli er Stanley is going from the Board of Trade to the War Office, Sir John Reith, formerly Director-General of the B.B.C. and Chairman of Imperial Airways becomes Minister of Information, and the well-known Scottish industrial magnate, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, succeeds Mr. Oliver Stanley as President of the Board of Trade.

Announcement of the resignations came as a complete surprise. There had been no preliminary hints of possible changes, and no explanation is forthcoming.

U.S. EMBASSY It is known, however, by communications exchanged between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister that no difference on points of policy had arisen.

> In the re-shuffling of the Cabinet made necessary by the changes, Mr. Hore-Belisha was offered a smaller post by the Prime Minister, but for reasons which he had given privately to Mr. Chamberlain, he was unable to accept by Nazi 'planes.

quartermaster's compound of In his letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha says he will continue to do all in his power to contribute to the successful prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

Guard and broke into the barracks, creating a disturb-Mr. Hore-Bellsha has been Minister for War since 1937, prior to which he was Minister of Transport for three

refused to halt and was shot in the In both appointments, he won a reputation as a hard-working and enterprising organiser. diate medical aid and was handed

Mr. Oliver Stanley, who becomes Secretary of State for War, is a son of Lord Derby, who held the same post following Lord Kitchener in the last war. He has held a Government post since 1931 and has been a Minister since 1933.

Sir Andrew Rae Duncan is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Iron and Steel Federation and a Director of the Bank of England. At the outbreak of war, he was appointed Controller of Iron and Steel and held an important position in the Ministry of Supply.

PROTEST TO GERMANY.

... Brussels, To-day. Belgium has again protested to Berlin against violation of her frontiers

The 'planes came over on Thursday at a great height and were met with anti-aircraft fire from the northeastern border provinces of Limburg and Antwerp.—Reuter.

STALIN OPPOSED TO ALLIANCE

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, whose

resignation from the office of Se-

cretary of State for War has pro-

vided London with a first-class

SHOOTING AT

IN PEIPING

A uniformed Japanese, ap-

parently intoxicated, last

night climbed the wall of the

When challenged by the guard he

The wounded man received imme-

The affair is being investigated. —

over to the Japanese authorities.

Peiping, To-day.

American Embassy

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ance.

stomach.

Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LONDON, TO-DAY,

THE "YORKSHIRE POST" AND "LEEDS MERCURY" STATE THAT THE VIEW OF BRITISH DIPLO-MATS IS THAT M. STALIN IS OP-POSED TO ANY MILITARY ALLI-ANCE WITH GERMANY.

Furthermore, he is determined to maintain the present trend of viet policy, irrespective of the Fin-

n campaign.
The paper added that under the nish campaign. German-Russian Pact, Germany la morely exerting moral pressure against Finland which she is try-

ing to isolate. "However, Germany undertook to through all its atages. take naval action if any attempt were eign troops at Scandinavian ports."--Haves

PASSES SENATE

Dublin, To-day. The Senate yesterday passed the Offences Against the State Bill

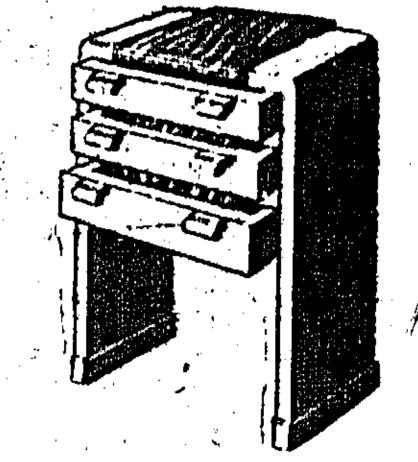
a police Meanwhile, following made to land amcial bodies of for- round-up, 12 men were detained in Cork and 12 others in various parts of the county,--Router,

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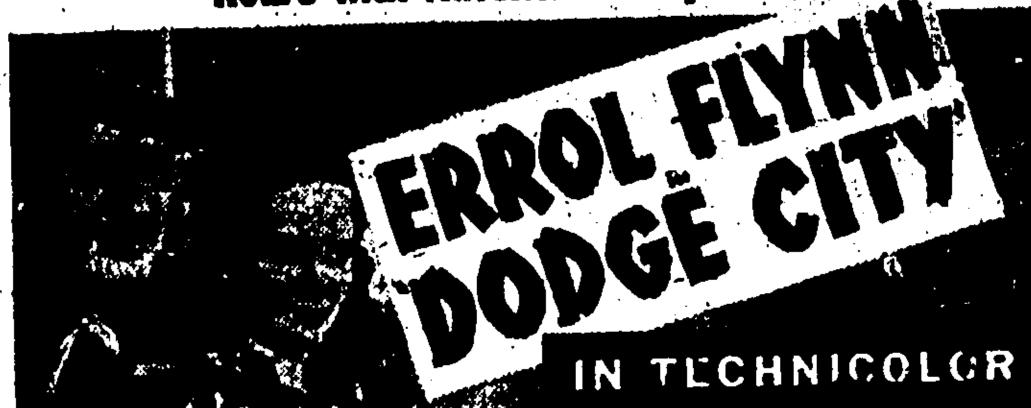
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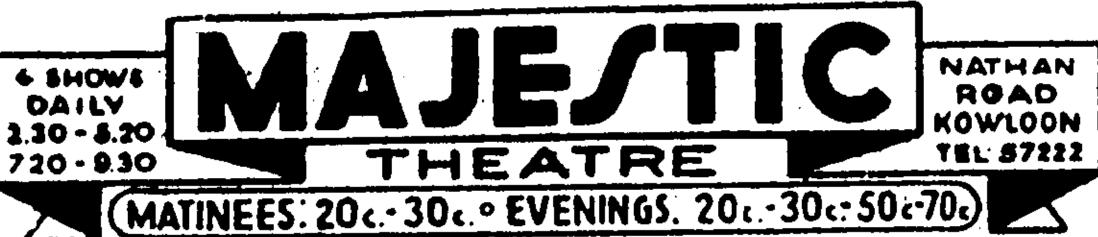
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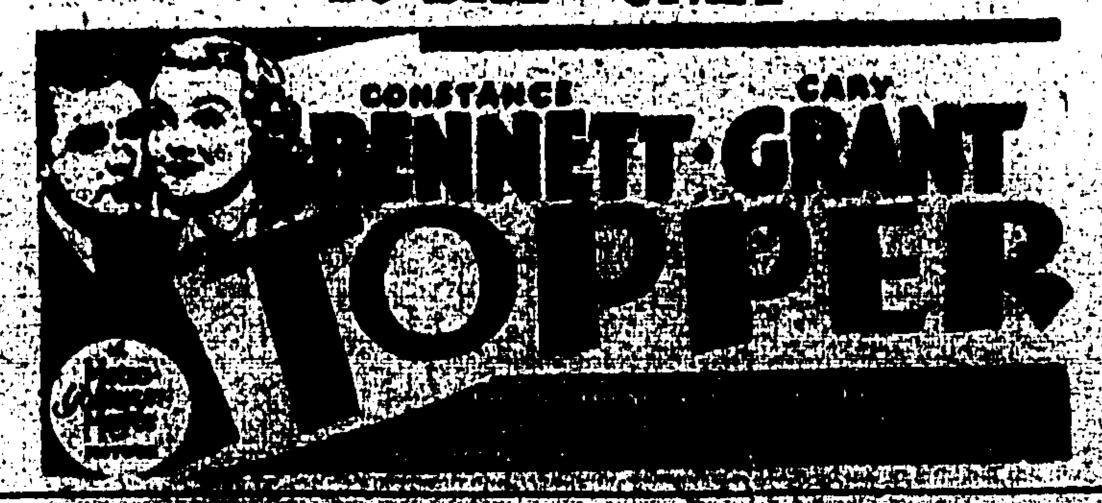
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NAZIS MACHINE GUN REFUGEE

London, December 24.

I KEPT A BOARDING-SCHOOL for children near the Slovak frontier in Poland, writes a Polish teacher in a message to the "Sunday Chronicle." All through the summer the school was crowded.

As the rumours of War became more alarming, I sent all the children back to their homes, leaving us with only

two who had no other home but the school.

I had been to Cracow and returned from there to the town nearest to my home at 2 a.m. on the morning of KNOCK-OUT Sept. 1 by the last train that took civilians.

I knew that by hook or by crook I must get to my home, sixteen miles away.

There were no means of getting a conveyance, so I started on foot. After a few miles, a German armoured car neither at me nor at the few people in the streets.

Further on, however, I met a road-man, who told me that the crew of the car had fired on him, leaving him for dead.

BCHOOL ATTACKED

As another German machine-gun was shooting at all the peasants on the road, I went along by-paths among ing from nose and ears. the rocks and trees and reached my house.

in charge of the school while I was away, told me her story.

She had been awakened at 5 a.m. Helen. by a loud explosion. A German acroplane came over and dropped a bomb. Then a tank began to bombard the school.

Next day .there was an airraid, but luckily, no gas-bombs. In Stvoic, M. and I and the children

got a goods train to take us to Reissov, where we joined a train filled with refugees from Polish Silesia, mostly women and children.

"A GRAND GAME"

Some days later we stopped just outside a station.

Seven aeroplanes came over very high up. I saw they were German: and we lay down at once in the carriage.

At that moment four bombs crashed quite near the train.

M. and I took the children to

haystack. In the intervals of bombing, the planes sweeped low and machinegunned all they could see. It gave us the impression that the airmen -they looked mere boys of 16 or

New York, Dec. 23. Uproar from the New York overtook me in a village, but fired apartment occupied by thirty - year - old Helen Mc-Court and her husband led apprehensive neighbours last week to investigate the cause of the row.

Neighbours found John unconscious, both eyes blackened, blood trickl-

John, rushed to hospital, found in addition to superficial in-There M., the mistress who had been juries to have a fractured skull. It fell to the lot of Dectective John Meenan to find out about it all from

"What did you hit your husband with?" queried Meenan of the 5 ft. 7 in. 15-stone Amazon.

BURST INTO TEARS

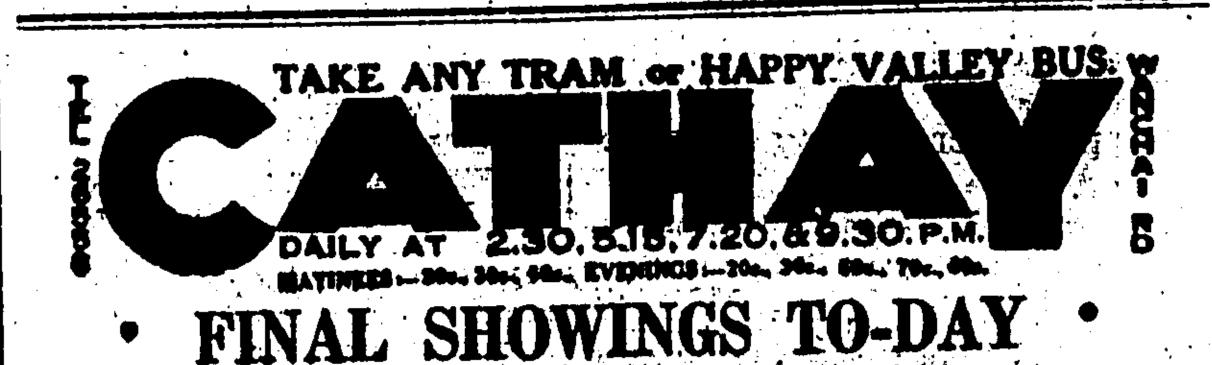
"I only hit him with my fist," replied Helen. "I've got a wallop like Jack Dempsey's."

Drama developed further when frantic physician 'phoned police to say that John McCourt had vanished from hospital, might possibly die of his injuries if not quickly traced. As a result, hard-hitting Helen was held in custody on a charge of felonious assault.

Informed of her husband's disappearance, Helen, woman-like, burst into tears.

"He'd been beating me for a year, so I thought I'd beat him up for a change," she sobbed. "But I didn't mean to hurt him so." ...

17-were having a grand game. We crossed the frontier into Rumania about a week later.





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THE MAN WHO BOASTED

APPROPRIATE NEW POST

London, To-day.

GENERAL HERMANN GOERING'S new appointment as the Nazi economic dictator occupied the forefront of British press comment yesterday.

The Nazi Government is worried by the problem of financing the war, says "The Times," and as difficulties multiply and hardships on the people increase, the blame is placed by one leader on another. Goering is to be made to decide between them.

POLISH AIR FORCE RE-FORMED

Paris, To-day. If the German Spring offensive, mentioned by the British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Lothian, in speech at Chicago, comes off, the French and British forces will have the help of the Polish. Air Force, which has now been re-formed in France.

A French military mission will be attached to the Polish Army.—Reuter.

THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:-

Miss J. M. Oram to be a Mistress (Kindergarten), Education Department.

to be Crown Counsel.

Accountant-General Dr. N. C. MacLeod to be a Deputy

Registrar of Births and Deaths. Dr. G. Graham-Cumming to be a Medical Officer.

Dr. N. C. MacLeod to be an Official Justice of the Peace.

It is fitting, "The Times" continues, that he who has so often boasted that Nazi Germany would not be much affected by the Allied blockade should now be charged with counter-acting its inroads on Germany's commercial and economic vitality.

The next two or three months will present special difficulties for Nazi exchange of goods with the Balkan states, which are now Berlin's best customers.

OVERWORKED RAILWAY8

These goods-which include oil, timber, wood, copper, etc.—usually come through the North Sea, but now that that has been closed, all traffic must be carried on the already overworked railway system of Central Europe. Goering, says "The Times," will tackle this with energy.

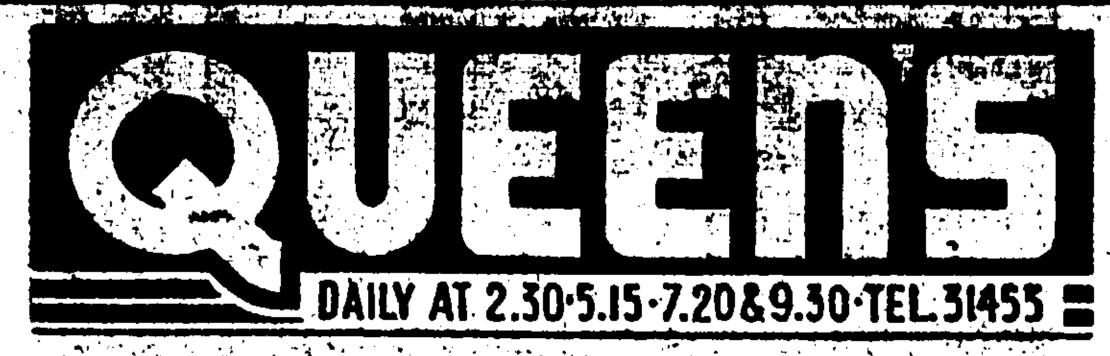
The "Manchester Guardian" warns its readers against underestimating Germany's war economy, which, the paper says, is successful at making a little go a long way.

The German Government will have to turn the screw still tighter on the German people and no one is better fitted for the task than Goering.

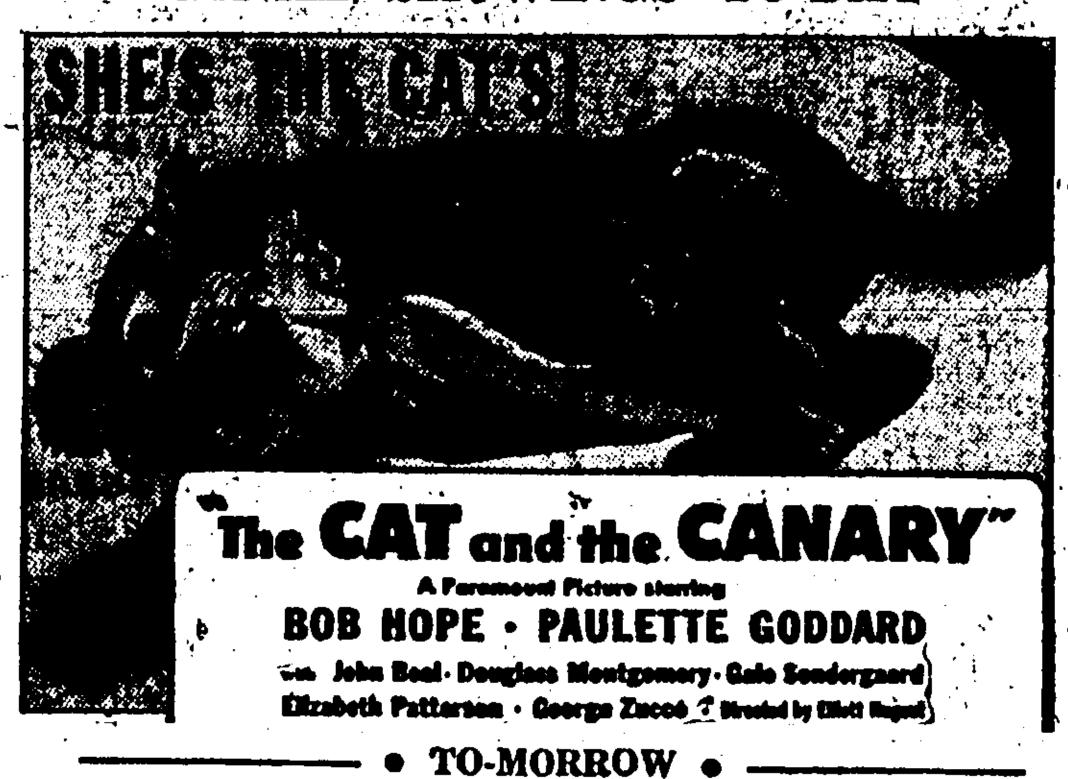
German economy is not to be des-Messrs. J. Whyatt and T. J. Gould | pised, says the "Manchester Guardian." It was built for war, while ours is not Mr. T. Black resumed duty as even entirely ready.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S GIFT TO FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day. The latest help for Finland is a gift of £10,000 from Australia = Reuter.



FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY



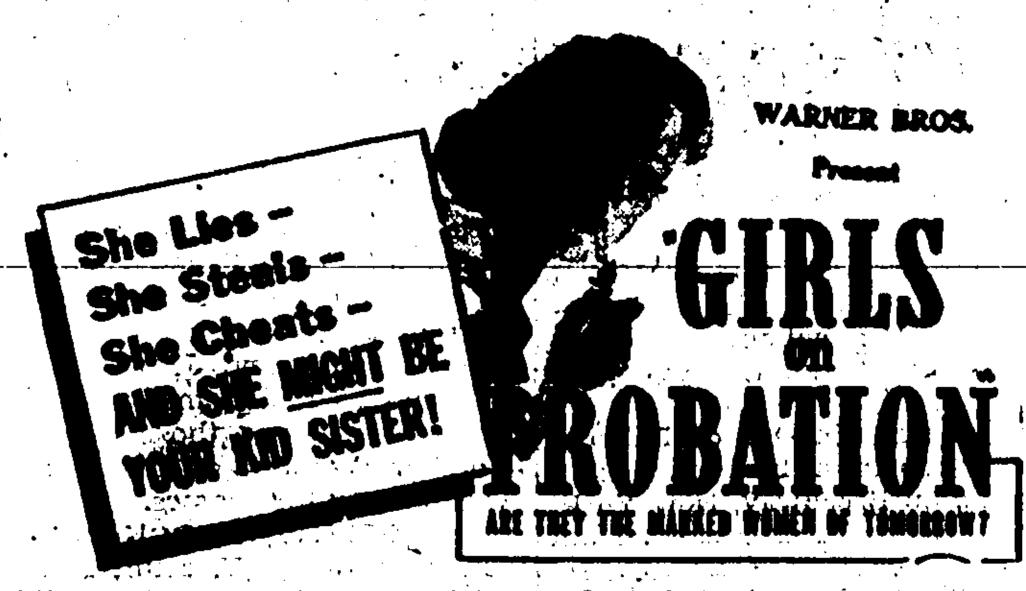
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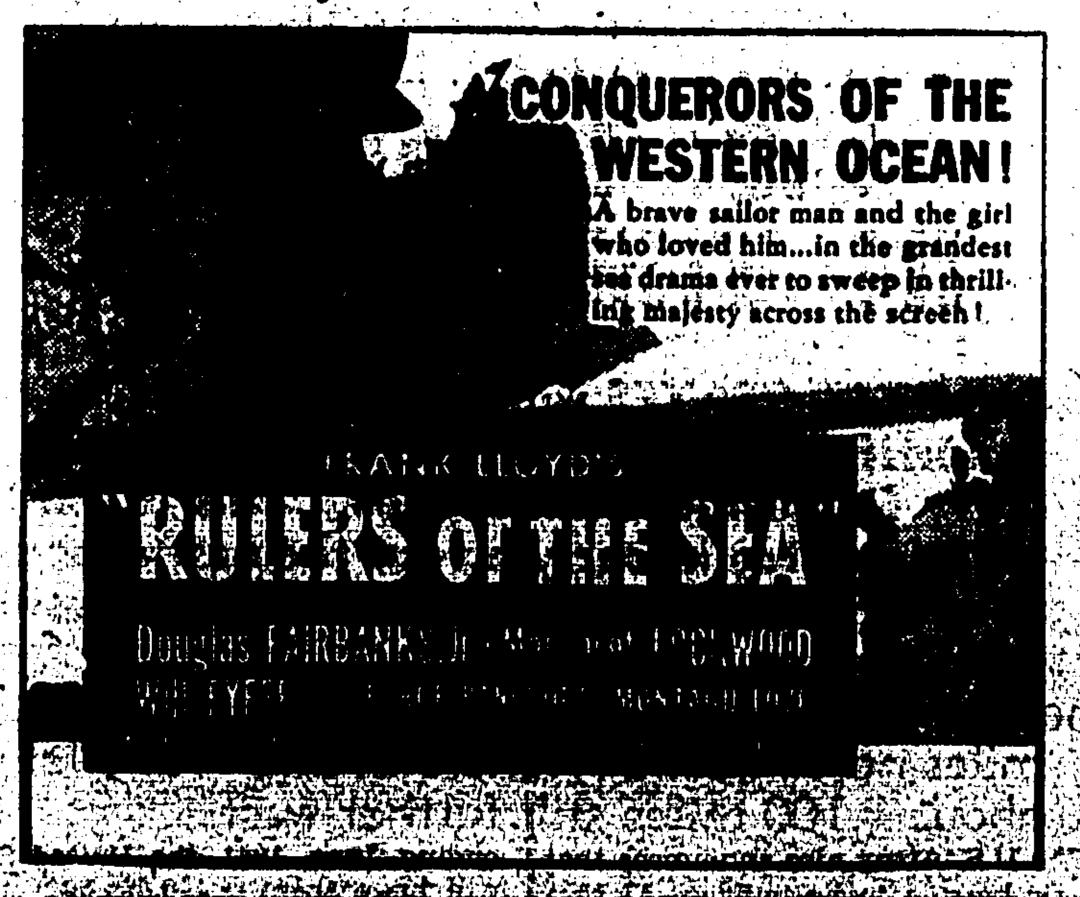
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Possible To Arrange, Declares Viscount Kano

SPLIT IN WANG RANKS RUMOURED

Shanghai, To-day. Reports were current last night that a split has occurred between Chen Kung-po, expelled Kuomintang Director of Publicity, and Wang Ching-wei. --

Chen is said to be making preparations to leave or has already left Shanghai for Hong Kong. This, however, cannot be confirmed.—Our Own Correspondent.

DRIVE AGAINST S.A. 'NAZIS'

JOHANNESBURG, TO-DAY. THE NEW YEAR HAS BROUGHT AN INTENSIFICATION OF POLICE ACTION AGAINST ENEMY SYM-PATHISERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE BEING EXTEND-ED TO THE MOST REMOTE AREAS. Over 1,000 are now interned.

Recent arrests include many Union nationals holding responsible positions.

Among the latter are the Lecturers in Afrikaans at the universities of Bloemfontein and Stellenbosch, a senior engineer of the State Railways the war in China should cease. and an Afrikaans announcer of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. — Reuter.

THEIR HANDS TELL HER ALL

Most of the people in this world fall into five categories—fumblers jitterjacks, wisecrackers, gallants and more rarely, those who know what they want.

That's the summing-up of Roberta Ritchie, who sits in the box office of a huge cinema on Broadway, New York. For seven years she had handed out

tickets and given change at the rate of 1,000 an hour. In fact, she's given £1,000,000 in change. Most people are just pairs of hands

to her. But there are the fumblers,

mostly women. They make her

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JAPAN'S ECONOMICI CLAIMS UPON CHINA SATISFIED

London, To-day. THE BELIEF THAT IT will be possible to arrange a satisfactory peace in the Sino-Japanese dispute within a short time was expressed to Reuter yesterday by Viscount Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Viscount Kano said Japan had now reached a position where she could reasonably say her economic claims on China had been satisfied.

If economic readjustment was maintained there was no reason why the two countries should not resume friendly relations.

Japan had achieved the desired share t of China's markets for the Japanese output of manufactured goods of all kinds, and access to raw materials produced by China had also been at- SCRIBE tained.

In regard to China's iron and steel requirements in particular it was not possible for Japan to produce all China wanted, and China must therefore continue to rely on Britain well as Japan for these materials.

WAR SHOULD CEASE It was in everyone's interests that

Asked whether some modus operandi had been found between Lancashire and the Japanese cotton goods indus- hawk at large. tries, Viscount Kano replied that in Until then his news-gathering apcompetitive.

the various Japanese export markets that he believed each interest went dead wrong. would find itself complementary to

the other. goods might find a market in China, the former among those classes with dying in the gutter. a higher standard of living, and the

latter among the masses. BRITISH' BLOCKADE .

In conclusion, Viscount Kano paid an eloquent tribute to the working of the British Contraband Control and the enemy export seizure authorities.

He declared the treatment of Japanese trade had been entirely fair and had been much appreciated by Japanese commercial interests.

It was not the intention of the Japanese authorities to create any situation which might embarrass the Allied Controls.

Viscount Kano is leaving England for Japan on Sunday and expects to be back in London in April.—Reuter.

GENERAL: 'IT'S NOT WAR OF MONTHS'

"This war is not going to be war of a few months. We hope it may, but I do not believe it," Field-Marshal Lord Milne told a meeting of the British National Cadet Association in London.

"We are up against something that we have never been up against before in the history of the British Empire," he said.

"The cadets of to-day may be fighting for their country somewhere in the next few years, so we have got to gird up our loins."

He said that application had been made to the War Office to raise the age limit for cadets from eighteen to twenty to bridge the gap between the cadet movement and the minimum age for service.

New York, Dec. 23. About 1950—if his sentence is commuted — or by 1982, anyway, Louis Ethelbert Whitsitt will emerge from Southern Michigan State Prison as yet another news-

the prison's bounds.

cashire produced was so much high- seventeen, Whitsitt, with a good gaol's elaborate cell-to-cell hook-up. er a quality than that furnished by schooling and job, seemed set in the Warders and officials are badgered

officials to allow him to ghost crime "Radio Gazette" broadcast not stories for them. Last month he peep. earned £30 that way.

But life began for lifer Whitsitt Winchell."

RATIONING IN ITALY

Rome, To-day. Italy is soon to have food rationing, it was announced yesterday.

Ration cards for coffee will be distributed by the middle of this month, and the same cards will be used for other foods later. Coffee rationing will start on February 10.-Reuter.

CSAKY IN WENICE

Rome, To-day. Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, arrived in Venice yesterday morning for conversations with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

The talks are expected to begin to-day and according to the Hungarian newspapers will cover the European situation and, in particular, the position of the Danube and the Balkans.

Count Csaky travelled to Venice by special train and was received with marked cordiality by high officials of the Italian Government and the Army.

The station was decorated with the Italian and Hungarian flags.—Reuter.

his view the two industries were not prenticeship will be confined within when he became the prison's reporter, broadcasting daily prison items The type of goods which Lan- As a bright, brown-eyed lad of 4,100 of the 5,440 inmates over the

right direction. Then, in 1933, he for the latest arrivals and departures, as Whitsitt comes and goes, more or With his elder brother and two less as he pleases. Prison transacothers he kidnapped and robbed a tions such as swaps are aired for Both British and Japanese cotton Detroit man, watched one of the offers, and even complaints and comgang shoot the victim and leave him ments on prison routine receive discreet place.

For that he got a life sentence. One front-page item was recently Three years ago good behaviour left severely alone. A fortnight ago earned him a break. He was allow- six men killed a warder in an ated to sell a story he had written of tempted gaol break, and although the prison life, then persuaded prison prison buzzed with rumour, the

Said lifer Whitsitt: "I'm no Walter

FORTIFICATION U.S. ISLANDS PACIFIC

THE UNITED STATES will spend nearly £1,000,000 in fortifying islands in the North Pacific, the Navy Department announces. This is the first practical step in carrying out the new American defence programme announced by President Roosevelt on Thursday.

The two islands are Midway Island, about 1,300 miles north-west of Honolulu, and Wake Island,

about 1,100 miles still further west.

The U.S. Army also announces that I an air base is to be built in Alaska, construction starting immediately, while the Army budget also includes new barracks in Hawaii; work on the Panama Canal; and other coastal defence work.

By the end of the financial year

ending June, 1941, the United States will have spent £450,000,000 on defence. The greater proportion of this will be for naval defences, including two battleships, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, eight destroyers, eight submarines, five other vessels and 3,000 naval aeroplanes.—Reuter.

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United States Objects To British Blockade Rigidity

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Brussels, To-day. The Belgian Cabinet has resigned and the retiring Prime Minister has been asked by King Leopold to form a new Cabinet. It is expected that the new Cabinet, though on a smaller basis, will retain its present national basis.—Reuter. -

FORM NEW CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Brussels, To-day.

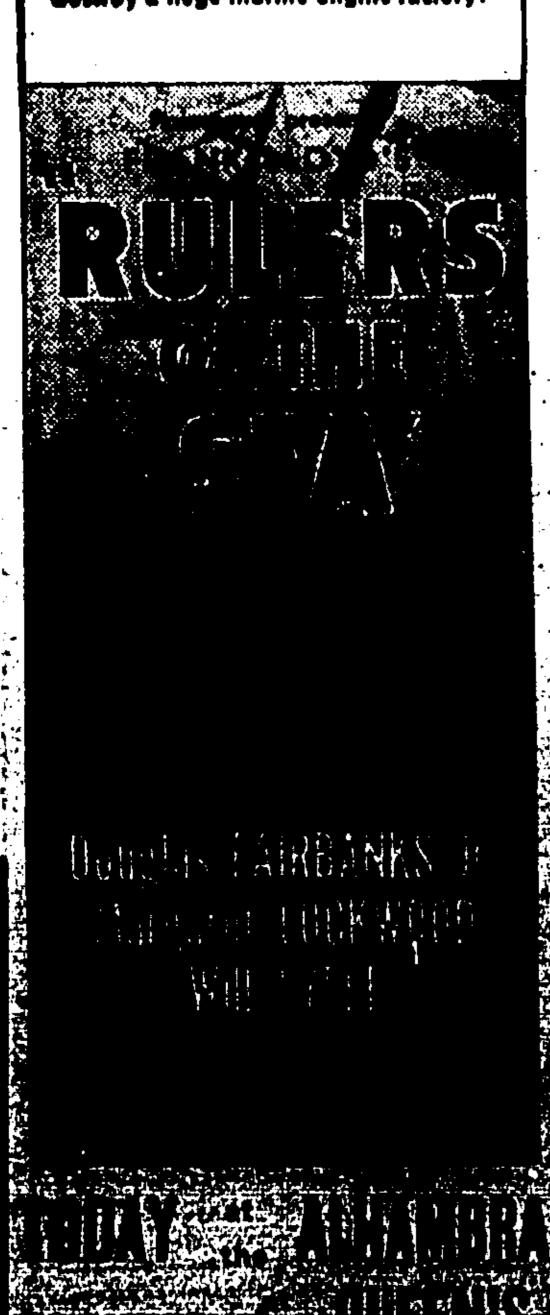
M. Pierlot has handed in the collective resignation of the Cabinet.

King Leopold has entrusted M. Pierlot with the formation of a new Government.—Havas.





Atlantic-Steam versus Sail!



RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MISHAP: COOPERATION URGED AS MERITING RECIPROCITY

R.A.F. WINS THE WAR OF NERVES

Prevention is better than is winning the "war of nerves" on the Western Front.

Nerves; they haven't any. A Harley-street psychologist in uniform and a select band of R.A.F. medical officers see to that.

They watch for the man with darkringed eyes: he is not sleeping well. Perhaps he is cold and a simple thing like an extra blanket will put that right.

They talk to the man who is worried by letters from home.

Maybe a few days' leave can be arranged, and this special problem is solved.

"Our whole aim is preventive;" senior M.O. explained to the Associated Press special correspondent with the R.A.F.

"We watch for the slightest signs of mental disturbance or undue nervousness on the part of any man, so that effective treatment may prevent him from becoming a patient.

Many of the medical officers are pilots themselves, and they know just what may trouble individual flyers. SCHEME A SUCCESS

They observe particularly the men who have just been engaged in their first flight, those who may have made forced landings due to enemy action, those who have had to make parachute jumps and whose nerves have thus undergone some extra strain.

At the first sign of cracking they approach the commanding officer of the unit.

They recommend that the man concerned should be sent on leave. He may return in a few days or may be invalided back to England.

The Harley-street specialist will return to England to report on the success of the scheme.

Pilots and flying crew have withstood the prolonged period of comparative inactivity since war. was declared surprisingly well.

HONG KONG EXCHANGE

The sixth-monthly statement on the operations of the H.K. Exchange Fund is issued covering the period to June 30, 1939.

It was not found necessary for the Fund to operate in the local exchange market during the period now review-

On 30th June,-1989, the Certificates of Indebtedness outstanding amounted l to \$192,121,887 which is equivalent to £11,907,554 @ 1s. 2%d. the middle market rate on that day; the total assets of the Fund amounted to £13,-226,195 of which 73.46 per cent. was held in gilt edged sterling securities, 26.44 per cent. on deposit in London at call or short notice and .10 per cent. in silver

ACHILLES BAILS FROM BURNOSZAIRES

Washington, To-day. THE UNITED STATES Government has warned Great Britain that she will be held responsible for damage resulting from "losses and injuries" if American ships are forced into British control ports.

cure. That's why the R.A.F. The State Department yesterday issued the text of a long Note dealing with this matter which has been handed to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador.

> The State Department discloses that the American ship Moormacsun, en route to Bergen, had been taken to Kirkwall, one of the control ports within the area in which American vessels are forbidden to sail under the Neutrality Act.

> since it is a violation of the United | cessary to examine carefully all the U.S. Embassy in London to get in pedient." touch immediately with the Master of the Moormacsun in order to obtain a full statement on the circumaction.

State.

U.S. COOPERATION co-operating with the British authorities, and continues:

"In view of these considerations it is difficult for my Government to foresee as a practical matter any occasion necessitating the entry of American vessels into beiligerent ports.

"If, despite these considerations, the British authorities should feel it necessary to compel any American bited from entering, the Government to a British port.—Reuter.

The State Department adds that of the United States will feel it ne-States Neutrality Law for American facts of the case and take further vessels to enter an area of combat, action as the results of the examinathe Department has requested the tion appear to make necessary or ex-

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED Affrming that the United States stances as a preliminary to possible Government reserves all its rights in the matter, Mr. Cordell Hull adds it The State Department's Note is will be expected that compensation dated December 14 and is signed by for losses and injuries resulting from Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of infraction of such rights will be made a matter of course.

The Note also expresses the belief It points out that United States | that the "spirit of liberality" of United shipping companies are voluntarily States shipping should be met by a "corresponding degree of accommodation and flexibility on the part of the British Government."

The Note was in reply to a British Note on November 9 in which Britain reserved the right to take United States ships into control ports despite the United States proclamation regarding combat areas.

State Department officials indicate vessel to enter a combat area or any that the term "losses and injuries" of those belligerent ports which, by included damage due to delay owing the Neutrality Law, they are prohi- to the diversion of an American ship



Potted-Best-Seller Serial: Seventh Day THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

By R. C. SHERRIFF

Who Wrote "Journey's End"

The moon fell into the Atlantic linking Europe and America. Gradually the survivors re-organised government and order. Building the new world began. . . .

ONE morning I was awakened by a steady clanging in the distance. and went down to discover a gang of men repairing the railway. Three days later a luggage train went through: a long, groaning train made up of every conceivable kind of truck.

On another day a lorry came bouncing ponderously down the village street and we went to meet three severe-looking gentlemen in macine toshes, with blue armlets marked they informed me that we were to was upon them. consider ourselves citizens of Mulcas- Desperately the men worked-strugter. It was our first contact with Gov- gling to block the crevices with blanernment officials and I was relieved kets and canvas sheets. But one by one when they departed, leaving us in they were swept from the stairways peace.

were surprisingly, often distressingly, their ankles-around their knees-it hot, accompanied by heavy, tropical crept up to their thighs. followed the torrential downpours of against the rising water. that strange summer.

ous plans to guarantee fresh food sup- of them, huddled upon the fifteen steps plies. With large quantities of wire with one man-Mrs. Chaplin's husband netting he had constructed his own | -who understood the mechanism of "rabbit farm," which he stocked from the door. the burrows in Widgeley Copse, and reservoir."

the mirror through which we watched | upon the steps was unbearable. Chapthe steady stride of progress.

Robin had salvaged three old bicy- door. cles, and every Saturday we "rode to market," taking with us a bundle of rabbits, a can of fish, and any vegetables I could spare from the garden.

One morning in Mulcaster I was stirred by the sight of a dish of newlaid eggs in the Exchange Market; their price was prohibitive, but through exhaustive inquiry I traced the eggs to an old man who had by some means collected together enough poultry to run a small breeding farm.

I was so excited that I kept missing the pedals of my bicycle as I rode out to his farm, but I returned in triumph with a cockerel!

I felt ashamed to introduce it to my journeys to Mulcaster. fastidious, blue-blooded old hen: But when at last she presented me with nine mongrel but healthy little chicks I was very pleased at the determinagar little spouse from taking any part more than gold. in their upbringing.

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But one evening, as I was returning from Mulcaster Market to join Pat and Robin for our journey home, a little woman passed me with an armful of firewood. I realised suddenly that she was a Beadle villager!

The old lady stared at me as if I were a ghost. It was Mrs. Chaplin, wife of a labourer who had lived in a cottage upon the Widgeley road.

In trembling fragments I drew from her the tragic story.

The fatal evening had begun quite well in the Beadle dugout, but towards nine o'clock they had felt "a sort of shudder"; 'several coffee-cups had fallen over, one or two children had cried.

"The dugout seemed to dip down and come up again," explained Mrs. Chaplin.

It seems that the earthquake had brought a deep fracture to the chalky hillside; a fracture that had distorted the concrete beddings of two of the doorways and forced open wide cracks in the chalk surrounding them.

Some of the people were already asleep, when urgent cries of warning came from the men upon watch. The "R.M." They were members of the villagers scrambled from their blankets "Reconstruction Ministry" and had to find great streams of muddy water come to investigate the future of our gushing down the steps of the two village. After inspecting my house fractured entrances. The tidal wave

by the increasing torrent. The mud Summer passed to autumn. The days upon the dugout floor was around

I had worked continually throve pro- | remained secure, but the upper section digiously in the steamy warmth that of the stairway formed an airlock

Into this airlock Sapper Evans had Robin, meanwhile, had made ingeni- forced the women and children-forty

There, like the crew of a wrecked by damming the river behind the submarine, they watched the water church he had created his own "fish | creep to the roof of the dugout: listened to the last cries from those below.

But the little town of Mulcaster was | Within half an hour the atmosphere lin had unbolted and thrown open the

> In a dream they had seen the pallid sky and the turgid flood receding.

For a while they had lain upon the slimy hillside, powerless to move and powerless to think. The village lay far beneath the tidal wave, but as dawn came they saw the rulned church tower slowly creep to view.

Her husband had tried in vain to open the jammed doors in the hope of finding some one still alive. Then he led his little party of survivors away across the downs and came at last to "fringe" of the moon's broken surface the ruined town of Widgeley.

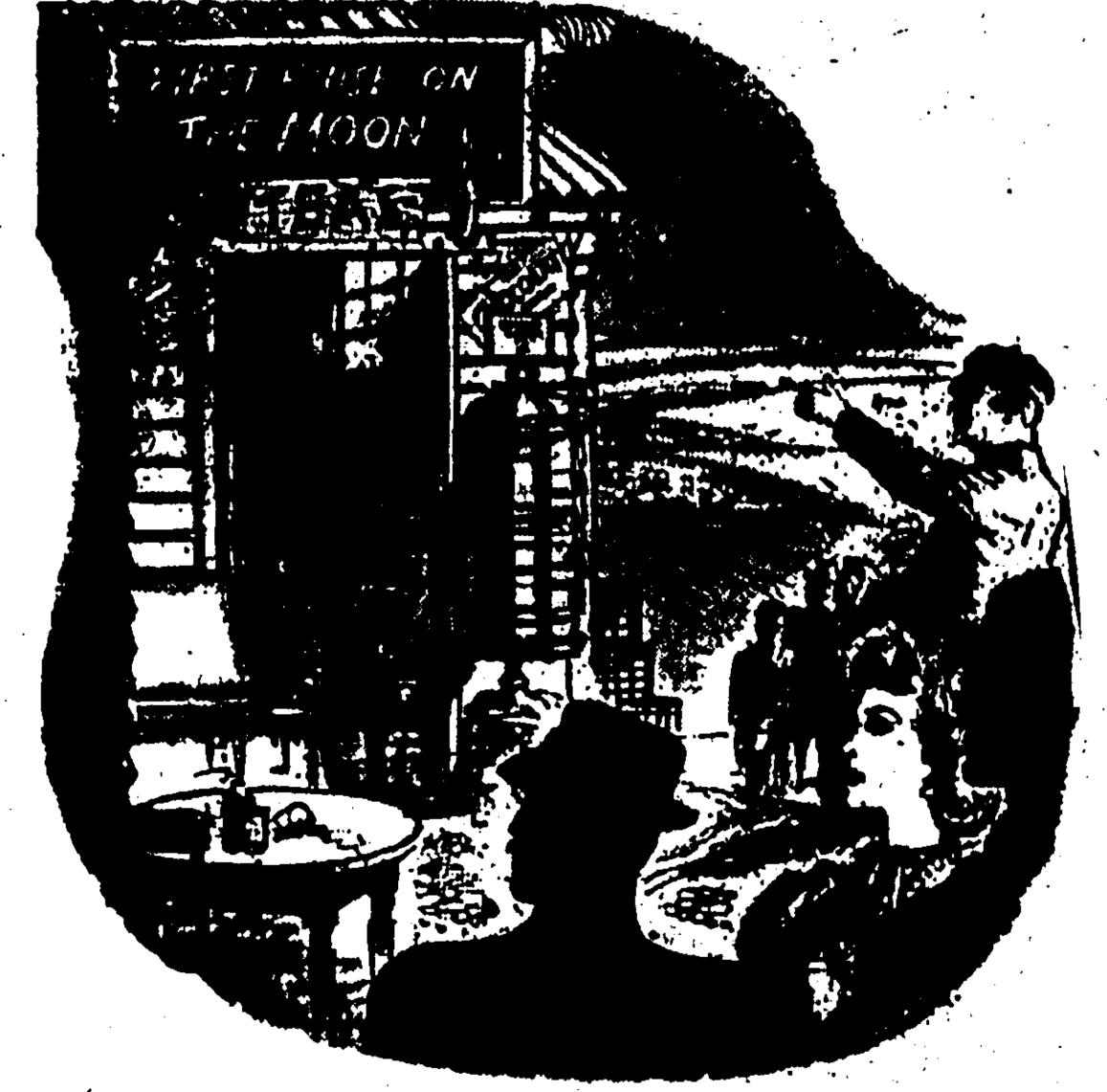
petrol was now available and Robin as far as we could see across the land doctored up the old Ford car for our and far into the distant sea like some

With the beginnings of my new times. poultry farm the cup of my own con- I think that the less imaginative

How gladly I would dwell for the We followed the guide up a twisting, It was during one of my visits to rest of my story upon those happy broken path until we came to a small Mulcaster that the mystery of the days!--of the spring that came in a tea shop labelled in large letters: "First Beadle dugout was suddenly and un- blaze of glory and that sunlit summer House on the Moon. expectedly revealed to me. when progress towards, recovery We bought some picture postcards liaments remains to the contract of the contract o

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"We were only on the 'fringe' of the moon's broken surface . . . the edge of an immense slag heap of grey, broken slate stretching as far as we could see . . . ilke some gloomy, ghostly continent."

The Government published a magnificent "ten-year plan" for the rebuilding of our cities the laying out of public parks and the reconstruction of public services.

The fashionable thing to do that summer was to take a "trip to the moon." The reorganised railways disrains. My vegetable garden, on which The third entrance to the dugout played great enterprise in this respect, lapped Cornwall to within three miles of Penzance. Immediately the railway was sufficiently repaired the authorities announced their "Week-end Excursion to the Moon" that became remarkably popular that summer and autumn. We three were among the first to go.

We went off in high fettle to catch the train at Winchester. It was a long. tiring journey, often at snail's pace over stretches of temporary line, and after spending a night in tents near the ruins of Penzance we were taken over miles of barren fields in a charabanc fitted with "caterpiliar wheels" to negotiate the hideously broken country-

Yet when at last we arrived the anticlimax was pitiful.

The guide said: "Here we are, ladies and gentlemen," I looked around me in bewilderment. Only after careful study of the barren countryside did l observe that it sloped gently away and steadily upwards towards the west. We were only, of course, upon the and all that we saw was what appeared to be the edge of an immense slag-Autumn turned to winter. A little heap of grey; broken slate stretching gloomy, ghostly continent of primeval

tentment was filled, and our household members of our excursion expected to coming more and more of a hermit. "purse" as well. For in those early | see an immense globe towering above tion with which she prevented her vul- days poultry and eggs were worth them with the familiar face of the moon upon it.

I had almost given up hope of sol- reached its zenith.

ving the timeship disappearance of the In August 1947 it seemed as if we on which was painted a little engr of And now the a hight he had re-

was an interesting novelty which determined to keep for Aunt Rose if ever I should sée her again.

There was something menacing and sinister in the grey, dreary landscape -or moonscape, I should say-which made me shudder. I went away from it with a strange, indefinable dread: a haunting conviction that the terrors of its arrival were trivial beside the horrors that it held in store for us.

The first hint of impending trouble came to us one autumn night.

During the summer Pat had been laid up with an injured knee, and I had called in a doctor from Mulcaster -a Dr. Cranley. The doctor's son and daughter soon became friendly with Pat and Robin.

One evening in late September Dr. Cranley invited us to dine at his home in-Mulcaster,-adding-that-Major-Jagger, Parliamentary Representative for Hampshire, would also be his guest.

I shall never forget our journey to Mulcaster that lovely evening.

I thought of this wonderful year that was drawing to its close: this year of striding progress -- the peace prosperity of gathering All bitterness Europe. the and hostility, all the suspicions and racial hatreds that had threatened and darkened the closing years of the old world had gone for ever.

But nothing gave greater cause for satisfaction than the progress and growing renown of my poultry farm. In the old days it was my hobby: today it was my profession. My long experience, and, I might say, genius in poultry breeding had enabled me to produce a fine, distinctive strain that was already known throughout all Hampshire as the "Beadle-Hopkins." which was eagerly sought after in Mulcaster Market for breeding purposes and fetched high prices:

I never discovered why Jagger, the Parliamentary Representative, called himself "Major.". He had been a Professor of Philosophy at some northern university. At the time of the cataclysm he was writing books, and be-

The cataclysm seemed to alter his whole personality? the doctor told me in confidence. He came to live in Mulcaster. His shyness disappeared and he never seemed to stop talking he was full of wonderful lides wand he was the obvious man to elect set Par-

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THE FAR EAST

It is right to be, preoccupied with the war, but it is not right to be so preoccupied as to forget what we are fighting for. If we say that we are fighting for freedom; the right of people to enjoy an unthreatened life, and respect for treatles and the pledged word, it is not possible to limit these principles by a narrow definition or to confine them to certain countries only. Such terms involve obligations at home and abroad. At home they mean that our own people should acquire larger opportunities of wellbeing; in the "Empire" they involve that we must entrust the Indian peoples with greater powers to manage their own affairs; in the Far East they imply that we must stand by the principles of international fair dealing and good faith to which we have repeatedly pledged ourselves. It is true that owing to our absorption in the European war we cannot be as active politically in the Far East as we might otherwise have been; no one can expect it. But in essentials the situation between Japan, China, and the foreign Powers that are interested in the Far East remains unchanged. The war against China goes on. If Chiang Kai-shek cannot end it, neither can the Japan-In this predicament they now pin their faith to Wang Ching-wei, a former Premier, whom they hope to install as chief of a "National" Gov ernment at Nanking. But this planstill hangs fire. Wang distresses his patrons by showing signs of backbone, Chiang stands firm, and the United States has ppenly exhibited its disapproval of Japan. — "Manchester Guardian."

THE FIRST JOB

idealists" and some sinister malcon- to be put into them. But by importtents who must needs chatter about ing we not only avoid additional war aims. The allied objective is to strain on our manpower at home, we save humanity from the most villai- are able actually to import mannous gang of criminals that ever power in the shape of finished goods. waded through blood and torture to The purchase of aircraft from North diabolical power.

Nazism.

tianity, the Law and the simple right advantages; less British labour is to live decently. Are these aims not needed to finish the process of manuenough --- or need we apologise for facture; and since finished products them?

is achieved, France and Britain the same analogy, it may be desirable will see that the world is made to import more meat and less foodreally safe for

WITHOUT A DOUBT

I shall not attempt to prohpesy

whether frenzy will drive Herr

Hitler into the worst of crimes;

but this I will say without a

doubt, that the fate of Holland

and Belgium, like that of Poland,

Czechoslovakia and Austria, will

be decided by the victory of the

British Empire and the French

Republic. If we are conquered,

all will be enslaved, and the

United States Will be left single-

handed to guard the rights of

man. If we are not destroyed,

all these countries will be resoued

and restored to life and freedom.

-Mr. Winston Churchill.

those elements of the German people — we do not doubt there are many — who are ashamed of the Nazi disgrace will be welcome in the federation of Europe, which must come as a matter of evolution.

Until then Britain will adapt the current French phrase, il faut en finir. Let us finish the war. The evil spirit of Hitlerism must be exorcised from Europe or Europe will perish.

Let us be thankful, then, to France, our without whose vision, strength and them ... to blessed patriotism brutality might train have triumphed. Her resurgence is may be a much less economic way of an inevitable part of her immortal using them than to set them to work glory. -- "Daily Mirror."

JAPAN IN CHINA

portpously survive as it was a year out of tenge of the burnber.

Japan has demonstrated the possithird power bility of traders out, and, with the start of war in Europe, dropped into an improved position in that connection. But the notice of termination of the American trade treaty and the resulting reopening of the whole case of third power rights has clouded the commercial sky to the 'point of demanding a scramble for a new setup. The new year comes with Japan on the spot by virtue of the U.S. action as to the trade treaty. -- "Manila Bulletin."

ABOUT THE BALTIC

When Russia joined the League, the Izvestia proudly declared: "The stronger the power of the Red army grows, the more menacing it will become to the aggressive policy of imperialistic states." How menacing the growth of the Red army has been to the imperialistic states, we don't know yet, but we have seen how dreadfully menacing it has been to the small, helpless states about the Baltic.—"Japan Times."

IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN TRADE

The importance of foreign trade in war time is usually conceived of in terms of raw materials alone. This is, in itself, an enormous advantage to have. Unlike Germany, we are not compelled to squander manpower in the production of ersatz materials whose high cost is merely a reflec-There are a few "high-minded tion of the volume of labour that has America is only the most speciacular The war aims are to save the example of imported manpower; the French and British peoples, the neu-same principle can be applied in a trals-and-mankind_in_general from variety of ways. Thus in the last the whip, the gun and the concen- war it was found of advantage to retration camp. To save the children strict the imports of certain raw mafrom pollution by the foul creed of terials (e.g. copper ore) and import in their place more finished producers We are fighting to preserve Chris- (e.g. refined copper). This has two are less bulky than raw materials, Victory is certain, and when it the demand for shipping is less. By democracy, and stuffs. But any such alteration in the

of our nature imports necessarily their increases ~ cost Increased exports are needed in wartime not merely to pay for raw material but foreign buy man - power as present well. At large there are supplies of unemployed labour in the British export industries manufacturing industries overseas capable of selling To take the unemployed in trades, transfer

export munition-making, reresettle ... them, at once in their normal trades, and buy munitions from abroad. It may be so much more practical in the The dividend paying stage for Government's while to foster by Japan in China still is far away, but financial assistance specially since the liberation of cost over returns is not so muniscent infinitely and the laken

PLANES ROARED GREETING TO CANADIANS



Joy Hodges, Universal actress, and her new husband, Gilbert Doorly, Omaha newspaper executive, are shown arriving in Hollywood after a flight from Des Moines where they were recently married. The couple will honeymoon in the film colony until Miss Hodges finishes her current role in "Little Accident." Later they plan to fly to Mexico City and other points of interest.

"RIPPER" TERROR: CAPETOWN WOMEN TERRIFIED

Capetown, December 23. Winifred Cornelissen, young unmar- of £200 being placed on the killer's ried mother of an eighteen-month- head. old baby, was found lying in a pool of blood in a lonely Woodstock lane near Capetown, last week.

Crime, sixth in similar circumstances in the past five years, struck terror in the minds of Capetown's frails, who had provided the five previous victims.

In March, 1936, the bodies of Connie Adams and Gertrude Willemburg, stabbed on both sides of the throat, and with clothes half torn off, were found on the Milnerton road within the space of a week; on a nearby beach, the body of another girl was found in like condition.

Three years ago, Madeline Sharkey was killed at a lonely spot, wounded by stabs which had severed her jugular vien. She bled to death in a shallow stream, scrabbling deep into the who would be appalled on reading degravel in her death agony.

Biggest man-hunt in Capetown his-Stabbed in the throat, the body of tory followed the discovery, a price

Theory of former police chief who probed previous crimes is that the killer is a sallor from a ship calling at Table Bay, who takes revenge on the prostitute class, from one of whom he probably contracted disease.

Another contention is that a sadist afflicted with an insane desire to kill might be living on a lonely farm outside Capetown, descending on the city in search of a victim and returning immediately without leaving a trace.

Yet another theory is put forward by a Capetown psychologist who believes that the crimes have been com-Jekyll-and-Hyde bу mitted normally character, man repute unblemished an occasional secret sadistic lust, I tails of the crime next day.

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NAVY BRING THE FIRST BATCH

London, December 19.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of Canadian soldiers are now in England. There are several thousands of them, and they arrived with secrecy at a group of western ports.

British ships escorted them there, and 'planes of the Fleet Air Arm dipped and soared overhead in a welcoming salute.

The first shipload — about 1,000 — scrambled ashore with wild whoops and wavings of rifles, were hustled into parade to hear a speech from Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, and this telegram from the King:

"On behalf of the people of this a Canadian Military Headquarters country, I send the warmest welcome | Staff established in England some time to the first contingent of the Canadian | ago. Forces to reach these shores.

"The British Army will be proud to have as comrades-in-arms the sons of those who came from Canada in the. Great War and fought with a heroism which has never been forgotten.

"George, King and Emperor."

MANY PARTLY TRAINED

The Canadians greeted their King's message with a cheer, and then dismissed to crowd into the troop trains that took them to their concentration area, where they will continue their training.

At one port people enjoying their firesides heard the Canadians long before the ships reached the quays.

Choruses sung by the men could be heard, and when they rushed to the water front they saw ocean liners coming in escorted by battleships, destroyers, and an aircraft carrier.

One of the greatest feats of the war so far was ending—the safe transport of troops across an ocean.

The total enlistment of the Canadian in England. Expeditionary Force in the last war was 619,636. Of that number 39,488 Censorship—presumably for military sell in action.

To-day the same sturdy type of published until later this week. soldier has come to do his bit. Many | Mr. Churchill, apparently, was not in Canada and will complete it under I nouncement.

The man who brought the first contingent is Major-General Andrew McNaughton, 52-year-old soldierscientist.

Some of them are Mounties, whose job in this war is traffic control. And also among the Canadians' first shiploads was "Sandy" Somerville, the golfer who has won the American and Canadian amateur championships.

Mr. Eden, who stood on the quay with Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, spoke to the troops as "one who served beside Canadian comrades in the last war." **CENSORSHIP**

Our unco-ordinated Censorship bewilders its victims once again.

Mr. Churchill, in his broadcast last night, probably quite unwittingly, disclosed to the public news that the newspapers had been forbidden to print.

It was known to The Daily Mail, in common with the rest of the Press, that the first contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force had landed

Urgent requests were made by the reasons—that the news should not be

have had considerable training already | aware of this when he made his an-

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



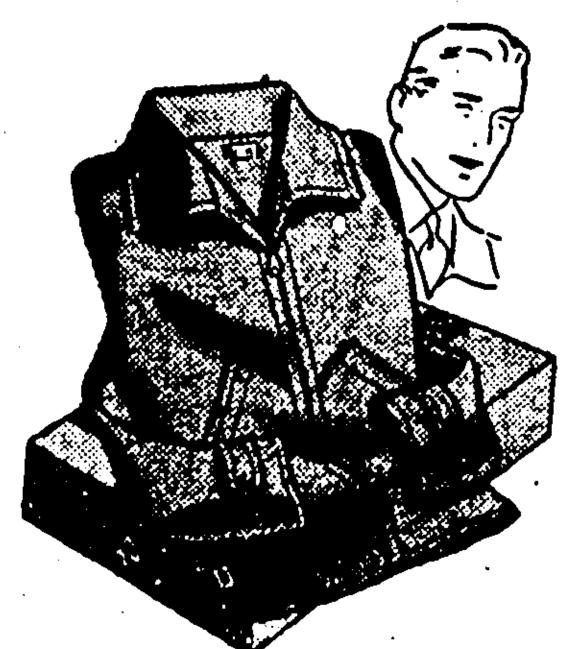
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MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN TURKEY YESTERDAY

Ankara, To-day.

TURKEY HAD MORE EARTHQUAKE shocks yesterday morning, but they were comparatively slight and no further damage was caused. They were felt over a wide area, from Smyrna, on the Aegean Sea, to Kerasun, 500 to 600 miles away on the Black Sea coast.

The Turkish Government is expected to remit the sentences of 50 convicts who were in the earthquake that destroyed a large part of Erzincan, "City of the Dead."

When the gaol collapsed, the convicts made their way out of the ruins of the building, but instead of taking the opportunity to escape, they organised rescue parties and managed to save many lives.

Further flood damage has been caused in southern Anatolia, where the River Tigris has overflowed and submerged a large quarter of a big city.

The latest help for stricken Turkey has been received from the King of Afghanistan and from Australia, of £2,000 and £10,000 respectively. — Reuter.

"KIROV" VERY BADLY DAMAGED

· Helsinki, To-day. A message from Tallinn says that three Russian tug-boats have arrived at Libau towing the damaged Russian warship Kirov.

make her seaworthy. — Reuter.

OF GERMANY

Pretoria, To-day. South Africa's participation in economic measures against Germany was extended by two proclamations issued yesterday.

The first gives a list of enemy firms trading in neutral countries, while the second regulates the searching of merchant ships which left enemy ports after December 4, 1939. — Reu-

OPENING OF YANGTSE

Chungking, To-day. It was reported here last night that the Japanese at Shanghai plan to reopen the Yangtse at the beginning of next month.

Tax will be collected on all goods The Kirov was so badly damaged taken up the river and "customs" by Finnish coastal batteries that she stations are being established at variwill require at least four months to ous points along the river. — Our Own Correspondent.



Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland and Frank McHugh play the leading roles in Warner Bros. "Dodge City," glant epic production in Technicolour which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Saturday.

Bringing Up Father





By George McManus



LIVELY INTEREST IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

London, To-day.

THE STRENGTH OF British Government securities, which have now mostly attained their highest levels since the outbreak of war, is being followed with considerable interest in City circles.

Some quarters are again citing the strength of gilt- VALUE edged securities as indicative of the early issue of a national defence loan, but a canvas of leading banking and Stock Exchange opinion reveals that such a view is held by the minority.

ANOTHER DATE SET FOR WANG "GOVT."

Shanghai, To-day. Chinese "puppet" officials, including Wang Ching-wei, and high Japanese officials, took place yesterday.

The whole region in west Shanghai under Japanese control, was placed under martial law until the conference ended.

Japanese and Chinese "puppet" spokesmen declined to comment on the nature of the conference. — Our-Own Correspondent.

JANUARY FIFTEENTH

Shanghai, To-day. The date for the inauguration of Wang Ching-wei's "Central Kuomintang Government" is said to have been fixed for January 15.

It is reported that all previous disagreements between Wang's proposed new regime and the Peiping Provisional and Nanking Reformed Governments, have been satisfactorily settled.—Our Own Correspondent.

GUERILLAS ACTIVE NEAR PEIPING

Peiping, To-day. Renewed guerilla activity is reported west of Peiping.

Guerillas raided the Japanese controlled coal mine at Panchiao, in the Western Hills, routing the Chinese guards.

The Japanese despatched reinforcements from Changsintien and fighting is continuing.

Fighting is also reported outside their recent promotions. Wianghsiang with regular Chinese Following the dinner well varied entroops under General Lu Chung-ling, tertainment was provided to the satisappointed by the National Govern- faction of all. ment.—Reuter.

RICE SHOP LOOTING CONTINUES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. DESPITE RIGID ADMINISTRA-TIVE VIGILANCE RICE PRICES Cleared of Japanese soldiery. STILL REMAIN TOO. HIGH FOR A Chinese column has reached THE POORER CLASS OF CHINESE, Yuantam, 48 miles north of Centon. Sinza district of the International into the Japanese reer.

It is pointed out that there are at present a number of factors contributing to the strength of the market.

Firstly, the closure of the new capital market since the outbreak of war has deprived the investor of alternative channels of investment, and hence there is no incentive to sell.

Secondly, the weight of money the hands of institutions.

It is further pointed out that there is little sign of official support, which would foreshadow the appearance of a new loan.

LOAN TO BANKS The opinion is expressed, however, An important conference between that the authorities might issue a short-term loan to the banks to enable the latter to fund Treasury Bills and 40 m.p.g. On a recent R.A.C. Official provide the finance required up to trial, over 1,000 miles of public roads, March 31.

> In this connexion, it is believed that £300,000,000 could be easily absorb- chromesh and many other fine car ed, as the banks are over supplied features. with cash and bills.—Reuter.

DEMAND CONTINUES London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities were sharply higher on the Stock Exchange yesterday on continued good demand from large and small investors.

Indian, Dominion and Colonial Issues improved in sympathy, while Kaffirs further strengthened on buying on Johannesburg local account. Industrial issues were irregular.

Wall Street ruled firm yesterday.—

MOBILE COLUMN HOLD DINNER

Over 150 attended the annual dinner of the Mobile Column of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Officer Commanding, Major H. G. Williams, last night at Headquarters. Guests of honour were Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the Corps, and Hon. Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, both of whom paid high tribute to the increasing efficiency of the Column, and the latter announcing that he had presented a cup to be competed for by members of the Column at the annual Corps shoot. Congratulations were extended to

2/Lieut. Stoker and C.S.M. Brett on

KWANGTUNG

Shiukwan, To-day. Chinese forces are in hot pursuit of the Japanese retreating south along the Canton-Hankow Railway, and from Melkong and Sunfeng to the east of the Railway.

Yungyun and Samhwachen are now

Rice disorders broke out in the while another column has penetrated

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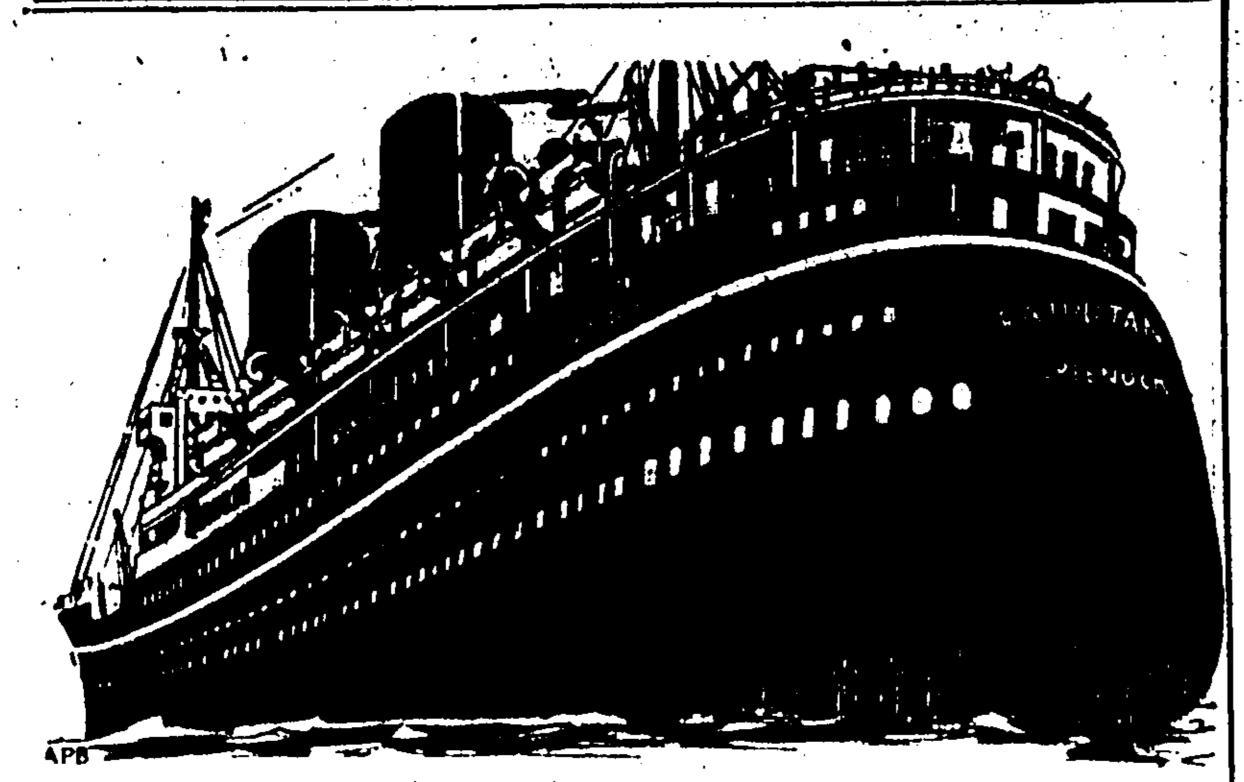
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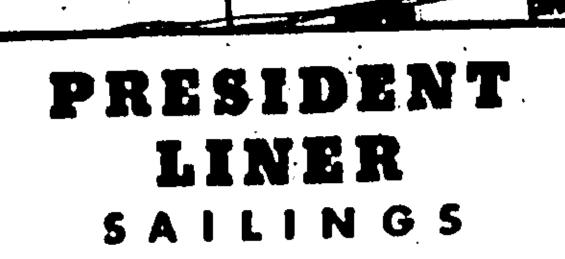
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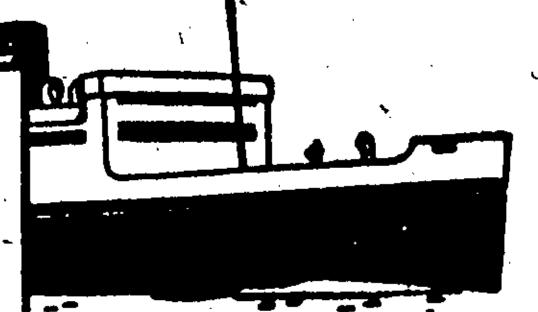
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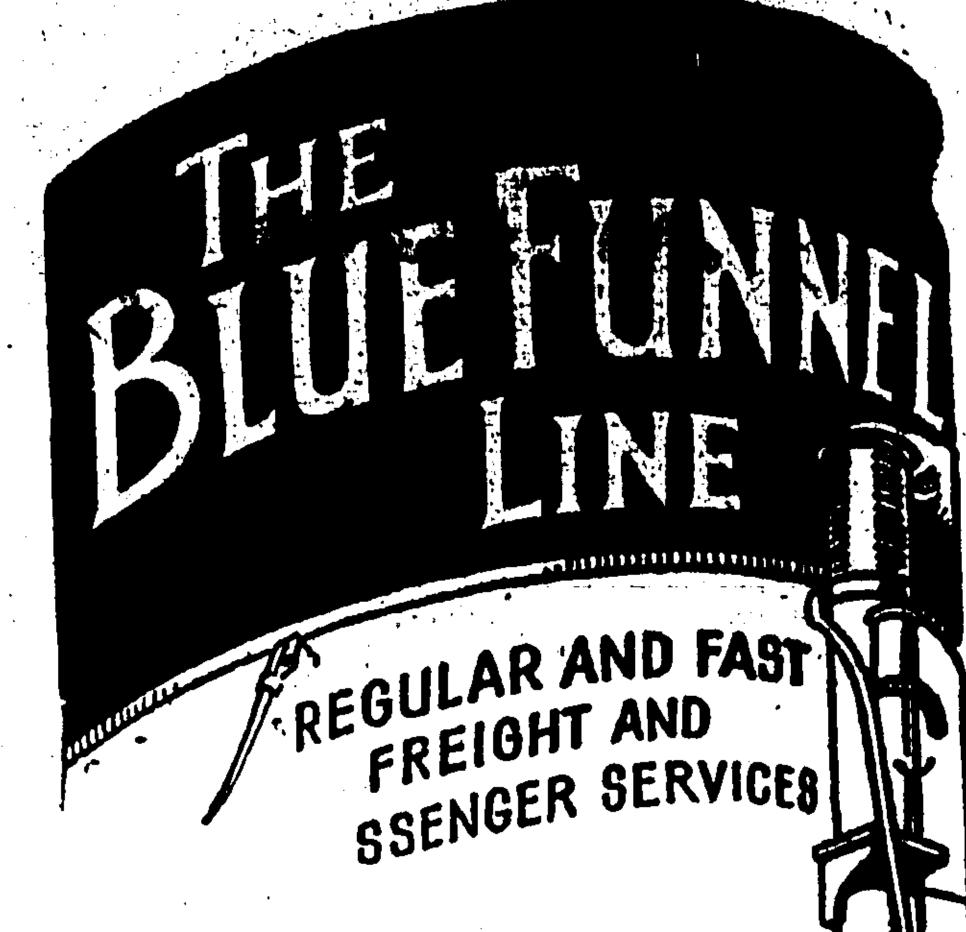
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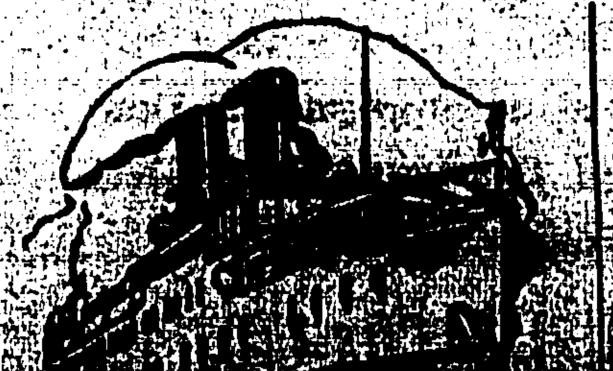
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THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

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shake my hand: the deathly pale face with its deep-set, burning eyes and the mane of black hair that waved back from the wide furrowed temples.

We were discussing (more, I think, out of compliment to him than for any other reason) the fine achievements of our new Government.

"The cataclysm," I said, "was terrible. But it was almost worth while to have achieved this wonderful spirit of friendship and helpfulness between nations."

For the first time in the evening Major Jagger laughed.

There was a sudden silence. Jagger turned his dark, mocking eyes upon the doctor.

"Do you imagine a cataclysm—or a hundred cataclysms-can change human nature?" he said.

Major Jagger slowly sipped his coffee. He relit his cigar with the deliberation of a man who loves an audience and knows when he has it.

"The Muller-Henderson report is to be published on Monday," he announced.

I sat up and leaned eagerly forward. In the early spring a well-equipped scientific expedition had left Europe to explore the inland regions of the moon, led by Dr. Muller, the famous Norwegian scientist, and Professor Henderson, of Cambridge University.

"When did they return?" inquired Dr. Cranley.

"In June," replied the Major. "Their report has been before the International Council for nearly four months. I'm afraid there's trouble. Serious trouble."

"Trouble!" I exclaimed. "Why?"

The Major turned to me.

"You are a happy man, Mr. Hopkins. I hope you will remain so."

I was startled—angered by the impudence of it.

"I am pleased to say I am a happy man."

The Major smiled. "You have everything you desire?"

"I have," I retorted. proud of it."

for the rest of the world," he remarked.

Again there was a silence.

"Can-you-tell-us-something-of-thereport?" asked Dr. Cranley.

"I can," replied the Major. "There were some 'experts' who declared that the moon would prove to be a dry, destitute mass of rock-dead and useless. Those 'experts' are going to look slightly foolish next week."

He reached for the matches.

"The Muller-Henderson report will announce that the moon is by no means destitute. On the contrary it is immensely, incredibly rich. Rich in oil: rich in gold: rich in radium-bearing rock and rich in coal. The moon contains minerals sufficient to give wealth to this world undreamed of . . . iron -platinum . . . it has all been found . . analysed and tested."

> MONDAY: Deadlock - Over The Riches Of The Moon



The saying "The more we have the more we want" simply means our demands are greater than the where-with-all to supply them.

INTRA-CLUB TENNIS

The following have been selected to play tennis for the Army Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civilian Members to-morrow:— Capt. A. H. Martin, Lt. E. C. Pope, Lt. E. C. Richards, Sgt. Major M. C. Green, Sgt. Major Taylor, Sgt. Major W. Lock, Q.M.S. Wellwood and C.S.M. Chillice.

Play will commence at 2 p.m. on

the Club's new hard courts. The civilian members will be represented by Messrs. A. Bone, G. W. Giffen, Davey, Hyatt, Joyce, Kloss, Nobbs, Sinton, Smeby and Willcocks.

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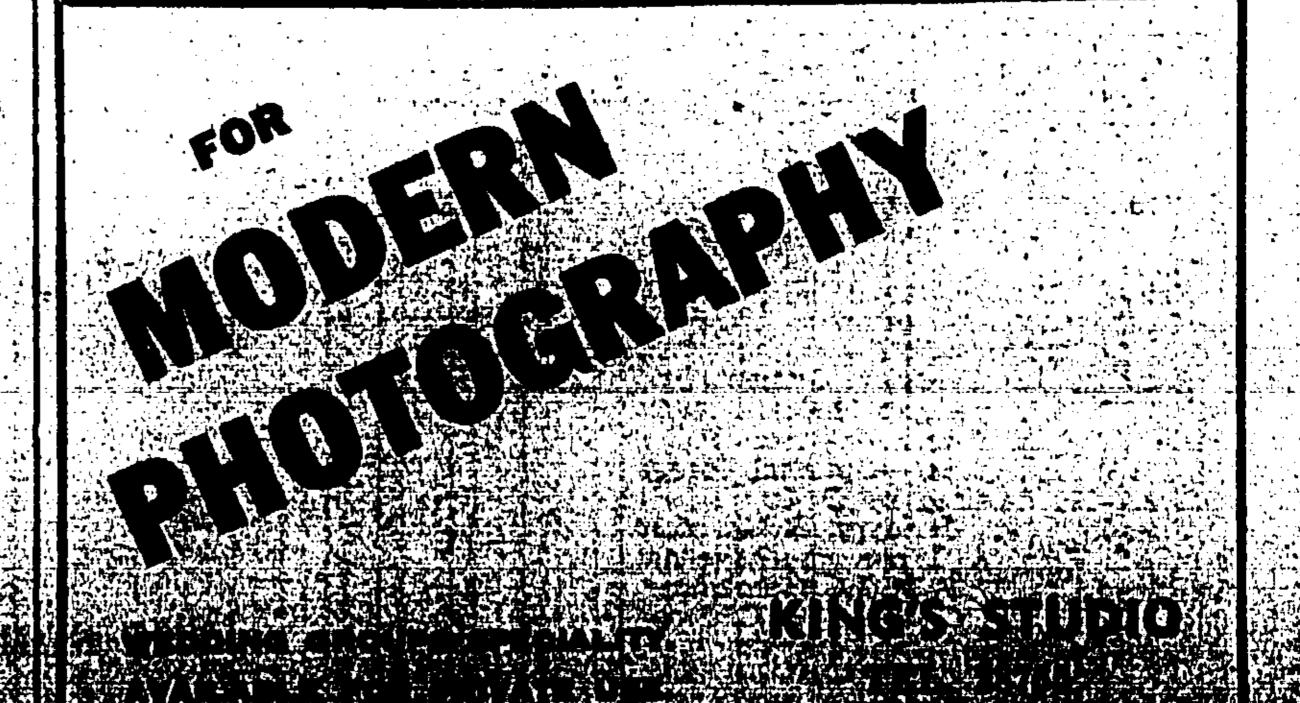
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Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All available Officers and Company Gas Instructors. Lecturer - Major Petri.

> PARADES 18T BATTERY **Gun Detachments**

Tuesday, 9th January. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. B. C. Staff, No. 1 & No. 2 gun detachments & D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress-Overalls, caps

and gun platform shoes. Friday, 12th January. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. B. C. Staff, No. 3 and No. 4 gun detachments and D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress-Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.

LEWIS GUNNERS Thursday, 11th Jan. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. instruction. Dress-Overalls and Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Coy. 8.12.39. caps.

D. E. L. SECTION Wednesday, 10th January. Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Mobile light training. Dress - Overalls and caps.

2ND BATTERY Wednesday, 10th January, H. Q 5.30 p.m. Left Section. Miniature

Range. Thursday, 11th January, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Right Section and D. E. L. Detachment. Miniature Range.

3RD BATTERY Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks. Rifle & squad drill. Dress— Overalls and S. D. caps.

Thursday, 11th January. (i) Gun Detachments and Range-takers. Battery drill. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress-Overails, S.D. caps and G. P. shoes. (ii) L. G. Squad. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress -Overalls and S. D. caps.

Friday, 12th January. Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Dress-Overalls and S. D. caps. D. E. L. Personnel. 4TH BATTERY

Thursday, 11th January. Parade for D.E.L. is cancelled.

The next parade will be on Friday,

19th January. 5TH BATTERY

Thursday, 11th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O's. only. Parade under R.S.M. Monday, 8th January. Queen's Pier 5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section. Dress-Overalls.

Wednesday, 10th January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress-

Mufti. Friday, 12th January. Queen's Pier. No. 2 Section. Dress-Overalls.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS Monday, 8th. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry and drill.

Thursday, 11th. January. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Lecture-New developments in demolition technique.

CORPS SIGNALS Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detacaments. Signal training. Friday, 12th. January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training. MOBILE COLUMN

All Personnel Saturday, 6th January. Hung Hom Railway Depot. 7.30 p.m. Tactical exer-

cise. M.M.G. PLATOON Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O's. Class.

> NO. 1 COMPANY Nos. 1 & 2 Platoons

Tuesday, 9th January H. Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme. Friday, 12th January, H. Q. 5.30 p.m.

As company programme. NO. 4 PLATOON Tuesday, 9th January. H. Q. 5.30

p.m. M. G. training. Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

No. 2 COMPANY Thursday, 11th January, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade.

NO. 8 COMPANY Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company circular. Thursday, 11th Jan. H. Q. 5.80 p.m.

Training as in Company circular. Sunday, 14th January. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. Those detailed. NO. 4 COMPANY

Wednesday, 10th January H. Q. 5.30 Company parade. Respirator

Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. instruction—Lesson 7. NO. B COMPANY

Sunday. 7th January. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.40 a.m. Dress-Optional. Range.

Tuesday, 9th Jamuary, H. Q. 5.30

NO. 7 COMPANY Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle instruction. Miniature Range. Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Aiming instruction. Military vocabulary.

ARMY BERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Tuesday, 9th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Officers and N.C.O's. Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade (whole Company) Rifle instruction.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 10th January. Murray Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Dress-Uniform.

Friday, 12th January. (i) All N.C.O's. parade at H. Q. 5.30 p.m. to proceed M. I. Room Murray Barracks. (ii) Other Ranks, St. Paul's College 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS 1671, C. S. M. R. S. Meadows, Corps Signals Reserve. Sgt. 7.11.39. 2636, Sgt. F. Brett, Mob. Column H. Q. C.S.M. 5.1.40. 2351, A/Sgt. A. H. R. Butcher, No. 4

Company, Sgt. 5.1.40. 3045, L/Cpl. C. K. Chan, No. 4 C. Platoon. 8.12.39. Company, Cpl. 5.1.40. 2882, L/Cpl. K.-T. Goh, No. 4 Battery, 4.1.40. Company, Cpl. 5.1.40. 2914, L/Cpl. H. S. Lo, No. 4

Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

2867, L/Cpl. K. O. Yeung, 'No. 4 Company, Cpl. 5.1.40. 3013, L/Cpl. C. F. Chan, No. 4 Company, Cpl. 5.1.40. 2896, Pte. S. K. Luk, No. 4 Company, Cpl. 5.1.40. 3068, Pte. H. T. Tam, No. 7. Company, L/Cpl. 5.1.40. pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40. 3134, Pte. S. K. Tam, No. 7 Company, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE 4067, Pte. A. V. White, No. 3 Coy 29.11.39. 1892, Pte. P. C. Morgan, A. S. C. toon. 14.12.39. 1620, Cpl. R. H. Woodman, No. Coy. Res. 13.10.39.

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SERGEANTS' MESS MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the Sergeants' Mess in the Lecture Room at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday. All members of the Sergeantc' Mess are expected to attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. LECTURE

The next lecture in First Aid will be 3071, Pte. W. Ng, No. 7 Com- | held on Friday, 12th January at 5.30 p.m. in St. Johns Cathedral Hall. 3072, Fte. I. T. Chan, No. 7 Com- PRACTICAL BANDAGING CLASSES

Practical bandaging classes will be 3073, Pte. H. C. Li, No. 7 Com- held on Monday, 15th Jtnuary at 10.80 a.m. at Volunteer Headquarters, and 3117. Pte. I. C. Pun, No. 7 Com- | 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill. Transport for the evening class will 3120, Pte. J. Lee, No. 7 Com- leave Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15

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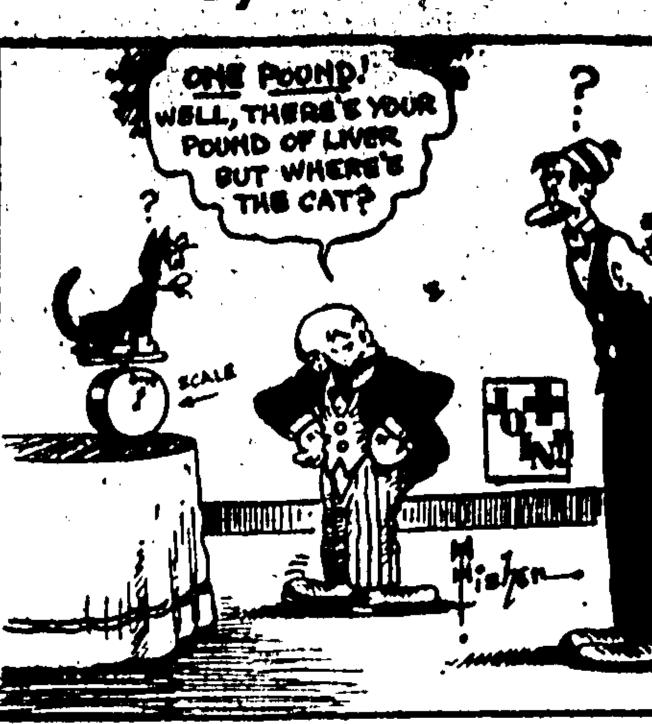
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6.40 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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9.05 p.m. Studio Comments on Recent Events. 9.15 p.m.-London Relay-News Sum-

mary. 9.20 p.m.-Local Sport Results.

9.23 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Scrapbook for 1900". Presented by Leslie Baily and Charles Brewer.

10.28 p.m.—New Variety. Plano-Lambeth Walk (after Chopin, Liszt -arr. Rayston); Lambeth Walk (after Verdi, Beethoven, Mozart-arr. Rayston)Frank Rayston.

Hawaiian Music-Lei E Hula (Noble); Song of the Islands (King) Mike Hanapi and the Ilima Islanders. Vocal-I'm Happy About The Whole Thing

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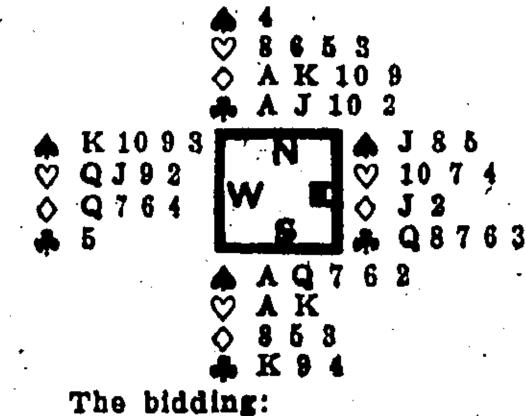
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played the ten and South the King. 40% for two hearts (an underbid). finessed for the club Declarer next

MATERIAL VALUES WATER THE CHANGE

Queen. East won and returned a heart. Next | partner and hold: -South led a diamond and finessed dummy's nine. East winning with the Jack. East now played his remaining heart and West false-carded by playing the Queen for he wished to create the impression that he had led from

a mare-card suit "Metaining the Jack of bearing West Mend to a diamond, the Eins Declarer now proceeded to cent three club tricks, on which West Line.)

many years ago, we always listened | blanking his King. The Ace of diawith awe when some unusually monds was then played, and when learned person spoke of end-plays. East showed out, South decided that Nowadays when a Declarer fails to West must have the high diamond execute a possible end-play, he is and two spades. Declarer therefore to have "thrown" the played dummy's remaining diamond, hand. However, to thwart an end- confidently expecting that West would play is still considered quite a feat, then have to lead into his Ace-Queen and we therefore accord due credit to of spades. Now West gleefully cash-West for his defence in to-day's hand. | ed his concealed heart to set the contract,

> Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

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Score 100% for three clubs, 80% opened a low heart. East for three hearts (the second-best bid), QUESTION NO. 301

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Important Soccer Matches SOUTH CHINA FACE BIG PROGRAMME

(By "REFEREE")

Games which will have important bearing on all three divisions of Hong Kong Football League will be played this week-end, and, curiously enough, South China is figuring in all these games.

In First Division to-morrow, South China "A" meet Eastern on Club ground, while to-day South China and Eastern, leaders of the "A" section of Second Division, clash on Club ground. The third important game is on Sunday when International encounter South China in the Third Division.

Another important game arranged for to-day is the Gunners' "derby" at Stanley between 30th R.A. and 8th 'R.A. Both are high up in the League table.

For their First Division game South China "A" will be strengthened by the return of Lau Tau-man and Fung King-cheong while Eastern will include Kong Sing-seng and Ng Kee-cheong in their line up.

LADIES' RESUMES

After a lull, due to the Christmas holidays, Ladies League hockey will resume in earnest this afternoon when | Police a full programme of matches will be played in both divisions.

"Y" Ladies meet Recreio but will be without the services of Miss C. Minoot, their goalkeeper, who is giving up the game, and Mrs. S. Gardner who has left on holiday for Japan. Mrs. Trimmer, full back of the Kit Che Junior team, will be seen in goal and Miss V. Bradbury at inside left.

Hong Kong Ladies, who play their first League match at the Valley this season, will 30th R.A. be represented by a strong side, which will include most of the mainstays of last season. They are playing C.B.S.

The following is to-day's programme and some of the teams: SENIOR

C.B.A.-D. Squire, Mrs. Wilnot, Miss B. Parson, Miss P. Everest, Miss I. Woolley. Signals Miss A. Smith, Miss M. Grimmitt, Mrs. M. White, Miss P. Whitley, Miss D. Moss and Mrs. M. Quick.

RECREIO-Miss Z. Barros; Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Botelho; Mrs. A. Remedios, Miss P. Gonsalves and Mrs. R. Silva; Miss Royal Scots B. A. Remedios, Miss M. Roza, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss C. Remedios. "Y" LADIES-Mrs. Trimmer; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Brad-.

bury and Miss Buchanan. H.K. LADIES-Mrs. Lunson; Miss Gray and Miss Sleap; Miss Weller, Miss J. Booker and Miss Watson; Miss Marr, Mrs. Skinner. Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss

Purves. C.B.S.-Miss J. MacFadyen; Miss Goodwin; Miss Horwood, Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby, Miss J. Kew; Miss E. Watson, Miss J. Bradbury, Miss J. Moss, Miss M. Shand and Miss Beraha.

ST. ANDREW'S-Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss Stella West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss H. Reid and Miss Stella Roberts.

JUNIOR

C.B.S.-Miss P. Loseby; Miss V. Moss and Miss J. Tinson; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss Bonney, Miss A. Nash; Miss M. Meffan, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. McFarlane and Miss E. Rousseau.

C.B.A.-Mrs. M. Mackay, Mrs. M. Ramsay, Miss E. Laihovetsky, Mrs. J. Crawford, Miss T. Baxter, Miss I. Woolley, Miss S. Grimmitt, Miss E. Hunt, Miss J. Cashier, Miss M. Douglas and Miss A. Smith.

RECREIO-Miss C. Silva, Miss M. Riberio, Miss T. Gonsalves, Miss M. Silva, Miss O. Osmund, Miss V. Carvalho, Miss M. Figueldo, Miss L. Rodrigues, M. Cam-12 pos, M. Gonsalves and I. Rozario.

ARGONAUTS-Miss S. Silva; Miss Xavier and Miss B. Xavier; Miss L. Sequeira, Miss N. Silva and Miss C. Castilho; Miss I. Mathias, Miss M. Xavier, Miss C. Xavier, Miss M. Maxwell and Miss Marques.

CAER CLARK CUP

H.K. Ladies (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.). v St. Andrew's C.B.A. (CB.A., 8.00 p.m.). Recreio V. Y. Ladies (Recreio, 3.00 p.m.). BRAWN: CUP (D.C.S. 8.00 pm.).

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IMPORTANT FACTOR

Gate receipts seem to play an important part in local football and the senior shield replay between Club and Royal Scots has been postponed so that the latter team may reap the benefit of their game with South China "B".

Club will now meet Kowloon and in view of the improved form of the former team a good game should be seen. Kowloon will be without the services of Ulrich, who was injured last week and will probably be out of soccer for some time.

South China "B", against Royal Scots, will be strengthened by the inclusion of Lee Shek-yau but are not expected to beat the soldiers.

At Boundary Street Police are at home to Middlesex and if Sheehan returns to the team the "Diehards" should collect both points.

Aided by B. Gosano St. Joseph's may garner two much-needed points from Navy at Caroline Hill.

PROGRAMME

TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION v Kowloon (Club at 4.00 p.m.) v Middlesex (Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.) Royal Scots v. South China "B" (Sookumpoo at 4.00 p.m.) St. Joseph v Navy (Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A" v Club (Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.) R.A.O.C. v 5th R.A. (Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.) v 8th R.A. (Stanley at 2.30 p.m.)

Eastern v 'South China (Club at 2.30 p.m.) SECOND DIVISION "B"

Kwong Wah v University (Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.) Engineer v Kawloon (Military at 2.30 p.m.) V R.A.F. (Military at 4.00 p.m.)

Police v Royal Scats (Boundary Road at 2.30 f.m.) THIRD DIVISION

v 5th R.A. (St. Joseph at 2.30 p.m.) -R.A.8.C.-------v--Kumzons (St. Joseph at 4.00 p.m.) 12th R.A. v Electric (Stanley at 4.00 p.m.)

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KEEN COMPETITION KEYED UP HAGEN'S PLAY. INSPIRED HIM TO MAKE BRILLIANT SHOTS.

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TENNIS SEMI-FINALS

The Colony Ladies' tennis championships are reaching the concluding stages and the two semi-finals in the singles event will be played this afternoon.

In both these games, tried and experienced players will meet comparative newcomers to local tournaments and even if they do not win this afternoon, the youthful hopefuls will not fail for want of trying.

Starting at 3 p.m. Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, who last year won the doubles in partnership with Mrs. Williams, will meet Miss J. Reeve, a fast-developing player, and Mrs. Enid Litton, former champion, will meet Miss M. Stokes, of Kowloon Cricket Club. Although they may be extended, there seems to be little doubt that the two C.R.C.

players will enter the final. The doubles semi-final will be played tomorrow week.

TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION v South China "A" Eastern (Club at 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION International v-South-China (Sookunpoe at 2.30 p.m.) v 24th R.A. Signals (Club at 2.30 p.m.)



By BEST BALL

It is doubtful whether Walter Hagen could be catalogued as either a phlegmatic or nervous type of golfer. Undoubtedly most players belong in the later category and the stress of competition reacts either favourably or unfavourably on their play. If the pressure inspires their play, they are quite likely to score lower than usually. On the other hand, there are golfers whose game or temperament cannot stand the pressure and their scores show it. It might be said however that their swings are not fundamentally sound and the increased tension has magnifled these faults.

While Hagen was hardly the nervous type (he had the capacity of remaining cool at all times) it is true that when the play was exciting he could rise to unbelievable golf heights. Apparently no shot was too difficult for him to essay. An example is illustrated above. His ball was lying in heavy grass on the sheer side of a bunker, which incidentally also had a steep opposite bank. To add to the trouble the hole was near the edge of the other side so that a powerfully hit ball, which would clear the other side would sail far past the green. Hagen settled the situation and the hole by driving directly into the opposite bank and letting the ball bound up and over the top to a position near the cup.

Monday. — For More Distance

TO-DAY'S

(By "SCRUM HALF")

The Navy team to meet Army in the last Triangular Rugby Tournament match of the season, to be played at Causeway Bay to-day at 4 p.m., shows four changes from that which unexpectedly accounted for Club last Saturday.

Waddington is at full-back in place of Bax, Drury has been replaced by Kennedy at wing threequarter, and Taylor and Gale are the wing forwards instead of Pearce and McCann.

This game will decide who will hold the wooden-spoon, and if Navy reveal last Saturday's form Army look like "winning" it. Army are likely to be without Skipworth, who has again damaged his knee, and both May and Beddow may be absentees.

At 2.46 p.m. Club meet Police and a good game is expected as Police, despite the fact Chib are practically at full strength, are confident of not only extending Club but also of beating them. Club are without Bidwell, Thomson and

Heasman as the result of injuries, and Needham is unavailable. They will also miss Godfrey, who has been surprisingly passed over.

I favour Club to win by at least 10 points as they are better equipped all round, but you can never tell with Police, who are the keenest team playing to-day.

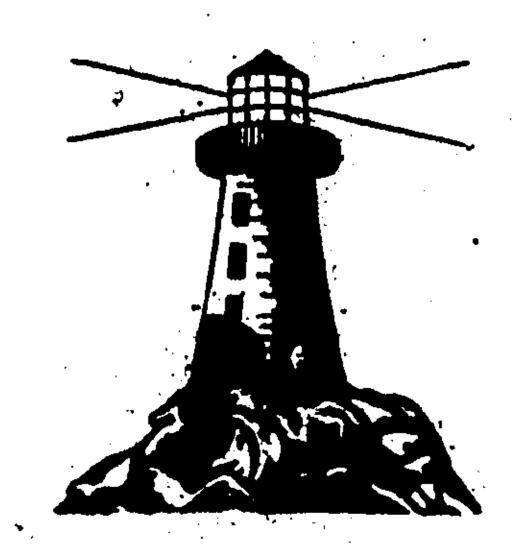
Following are the teams:

NAVY-Cpl; Waddington; Tel. Bowden, Tel, Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant: Commander: Clark; Leading Writer Barlow, Lieutenant (E.) Brown, L.S.A. Palmer: Chief-Writer King, Leading Writer Ferris: Fl. Lieut. Taylor, Pay Little tenant Charles and L.A.C. Gale. ARMY - L/Col. Picton R.E.; L/Bor.

Pichamie R.A. Y./Col. Walto R.E., Serit. Lang R.A.O.C. and Lieut. Skipworth R.A.; Capt. Hook R.A. and Lieut. May D.L.I., Lieut. Hewitt Mdx. R., L/Cpl. Beddow D.L.I., Corpl. Sutherland R.S. Pie. Berry Mdx. R., Lieut. Pinkerton R.S.: Capt. Duke R.S., Lieut. Cithbertson R.S. and Lieut. Ridedale R.N. Regt. Reserved: Sappr. Artingstall R.E., L/Cpl.

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RECREIO WIN EASILY

Only one Mixed League badminton match was played shared, their game with Police this yesterday, Recreio "B" having the easiest possible victory over Kowloon Cricket Cox's Road, and, notwithstanding the return a draw. Club.

J. L. Anderson played for K.C.C. in place of A. L. Fisher, while N. A Beltrao took the place of L. A. Carvalho in the Recreio team.

H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreto "B").

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beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan	21 6
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JUNIOR CRICKET STARTS THIS AFTERNOON

(By "ADREM")

Although it has not definitely been established that the Cricket League will carry on this season, junior matches on the card for this afternoon will be treated as such until a decision is arrived at.

withdrawn from the League owing to the closing of the Navy ground in King's Park which they were to have the Valley as a friendly.

N. A. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio).

beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-- 9 beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan 21-15 beat Wynter-Blyth and Miss

C. C. Pereira and Miss C. M. Silva (Recreto).

beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-18 beat Wynter-Blyth and Miss

Four matches are down for to-day, in the course of the week of J. R. Luke and but, as I understand that R.A.F. have W. L. McKenzie, these two players have not been included in the side. The champions' balance should carry them through to their first win.

GOOD MATCH. Probably the finest match on the proafternoon will probably be played at gramme will be that at Chater Road, where H.K.C.C. 2nd XI entertain Army. Brig. T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Capt. Kowloon Cricket Club, the champions, will Both teams selected are very powerful and

> Club's bowling, with W. Stoker, D. S. Bailey. Robb, D. O. Parsons and G. E. R. Divett looks pretty useful and they will be further H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. assisted by J. H. Fox, of the first eleven, Booker, G. E. R. Divett, J. H. Fox, H. J. D.

Army also have a fairly strong attack S. Robb, W. Stoker. and solid batting so a draw appears to be the most likely result.

Civil Service nor the Recreio teams but hav- Finnie, M. F. L. Haymes, H. Owen Hughes, ing regard to the fine form shown by the A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. C. Pearce, J. E. latter, they should win. There will be two friendly senior matches,

Craigengower.

PROGRAMME First Division

(Friendly) C. S. C. C. Recreio 1. R. C. v Club Second Division

(League) V C. S. C. C. Recreio K. C. C. 'v l.R.C. H. K. C. C. V Army R. A. F. v Police JUNIOR

K.C.C. 2nd XI-W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, R. A. J. Simpson, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, C. Pope, G. A. V. Hall and A. N. Other.

Army "B"-Capt. J. F. Lawrence (captain), be opposed to Indian Recreation Club at I cannot see how there can be other than B. A. Fargus, Q. M. S. Patterson, S/Sgt. A. B. Whatman, Licut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. Gardner, L/Sgt. Chaplin, L/Sgt. Dilnot, Spr.

H.K.C.C. 2nd, XI-E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Lowe, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, D.

SENIOR H.K.C.C. 1st XI-T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. I have been able to obtain neither the de S. Carey, D. G. Day, A. T. Dow, A. H. Potter, T. M. Sulter.

Recreio 1st XI-A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), . beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan 21— 8 while an intra-club game will be played at E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, W. A. Reed, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. P. Following is the programme and some of Pereira, L. G. Gosano, N. Beltrao, J. M. Gosano, G. N. Gosano.

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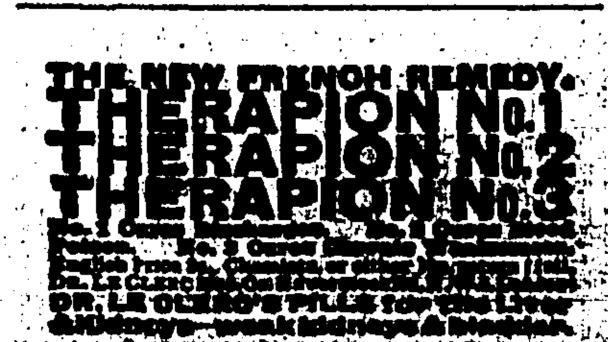
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DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

The Hague, To-day. Anti-aircraft batteries fired on foreign planes which flew over Utrecht province yesterday.

The planes made off when Dutch pursuit machines went up. -Reuter.

SOVIETS ROUTED AT SALLA

London, To-day.

All reports from Finland indicate that the intensive fighting north Salla, on the Central Front, promises to give the Finns another great victory over the Soviets.

Copenhagen reports that the Soviets have been routed after two days of intense fighting, while the Danish newspaper "Berlinkse Tidende" says that the Finns have recaptured Salla itself.

In the south, the temperature is now "thirty below zero," and attacks have stopped. Soviet artillery is heavily shelling the Mannerheim Line.-Reuter.

SOVIET INVADED

London, To-day. Finnish troops have penetrated from days. — Reuter.

LEAPIN COLONYS SURPLUS BALANCE

A jump in the Colony's surplus balance to over \$17,000,000 is shown in the statement of finances October 31 published to-day.

The exact total on that date was \$17,285,669, October itself having shown a surplus of nearly \$1,300,000.

Duties during the month were returned at \$1,260,869 as against \$621,-388 in October last year; licences and other internal revenue produced \$200,000 more; the Post Office \$50,000 more and miscellaneous receipts some \$160,000 more.

Revenue for the month totalled \$4,479,810 against \$3,389,635 in October last year.

Since the beginning of the year, actual revenue at \$34,775,227 was \$4,000,000 higher than in the comparable period of 1938, and the total is only \$500,000 short of the original estimate for the whole year.

Expenditure was \$400,000 higher than last year, chiefly accountable to the H.K.N.V.F. and A.R.P.

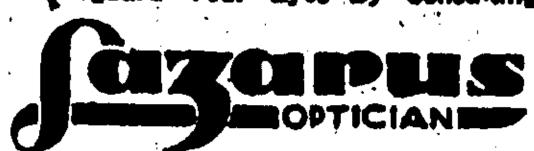
10 to 15 miles into Russian territory in the direction of Rapola, according to the spokesman of the Finnish Legation in London.

The spokesman said there had been fighting on Soviet soil for several

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London, To-day. Mr. Humbert Wolfe, poet, playwright and Civil Servant, died suddenly yesterday.

Mr. Wolfe, who was Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, was the author of more than 40 books.—British Wireless.

An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning on the life of Mr. Godfrey Phillips, the British Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, To-day.

The attempt was staged shortly before 9 a.m. when Mr. Phillips was driving to office from his home.

His car was passing two Chinese in rickshas walting on the side of the road when they opened fire with pistols. The bullets appear to have missed the car and nobody was hit. The assailants escaped. — Reuter.

Police are endeavouring to trace the whereabouts of Mr. John Dow, an engineer of the Royal Naval Dockyard, who is reported to have been missing from his residence since Tuesday.

He is 40 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches in height, stoutly built with a red complexion.

Kwelin, To-day. Japanese troops on the Nanning-Yamchow highway have sus-

tained heavy losses. Pumiao and Napien, two vantage points on the highway, have been recaptured. The Japanese launched a counter-offensive yesterday but were repulsed.

Twelve field guns and eight anti-tank guns, buried by the Japanese in their retreat, were found by the Chinese at the Kunlunkwan Pass on the Nanning-Pinyang highway yesterday.—Central News.

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